

That is why we must simplify the process to increase retirement security and the ability to save for working Americans. And that is exactly what this bill does.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 96TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION AT FORT BRAGG

HON. CHARLIE ROSE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, on August 17, 1995, the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its activation. I would like take a moment to recognize the 96th, which, incidentally, just happens to be the U.S. Army's only active duty civil affairs unit.

The battalion has had a long and distinguished history. The 96th Civil Affairs Battalion is descended from the 96th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Military Government Group, which was constituted at the Presidio in Monterey, CA on August 25, 1945, and activated the following day. This unit was inactivated on January 25, 1949, in Korea. On May 10, 1967, the unit was redesignated the 96th Civil Affairs Group and allotted to the regular Army. It was activated on August 25, 1967 at Fort Lee, VA. On November 26, 1971, the group was reorganized and redesignated the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Bragg, NC ever since. The last redesignation took place on March 1, 1986, when the battalion was placed on Airborne status and renamed the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne).

The quiet professionals of the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) continue a tradition, developed over the past 50 years, of being premier ambassadors for both the U.S. Army and the United States of America. Today the soldiers of the 96th are deployed around the world in Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Rowanda, Hatii, Grenada, Panama, Honduras, Wake Island, Cambodia, and Mongolia, where they serve to advise officials of foreign nations in various aspects of civil-military operations and humanitarian relief. Above all, the men and women who serve in the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) help build and strengthen the cause of democracy. For this, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

I would like to extend to everyone who serve and have served in the 96th my thanks and the thanks of the U.S. Congress for your fine work. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), and I encourage you to keep up the good work for another 50 more.

LIBERATING GUAM: THE UNITED STATES COMES BACK

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend and congratulate the National Park Service for spearheading the production of a laser-disc video entitled "Liberating

Guam: The U.S. Comes Back" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Guam. Nominated to the 28th annual WorldFest—Houston International Film and Video Festival last June, it was a finalist winner for the category of Best Documentary of 1994.

A special commendation is also in order for this project's supervising producer/director, Karine Erlebach. In addition to international acclaim, her talent and professionalism, has earned her a special place in the hearts of the people of Guam. By resenting the war through the perspective of the Chamorro people, she has focused upon an aspect of the war that has been largely neglected.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate everyone who gave a hand in the production of this award-winning documentary. The educational benefits that this documentary has to offer will surely be appreciated by all those who view it both on island and abroad. I offer my sincerest thanks for making all this possible.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL'S FIGHT AGAINST SARCOIDOSIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the important work that is taking place at the Sarcoidosis Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Sarcoidosis is a very common disease of unknown cause. Though the disease can involve every part of the body, most patients with sarcoidosis have no complaints, or only minor ones. Symptoms include shortness of breath, pain in the joints, swollen lymph nodes, skin rash, fatigue, or fever. And while many patients require no treatment and the disease goes away after 6 months to 2 years, about 20 percent of those with the disease require substantial treatment.

Approximately 10,000 patients with sarcoidosis have been treated at Mount Sinai Hospital Sarcoidosis Clinic since its founding in 1948. Dr. Louis E. Siltzbach, one of the world's most renowned experts on sarcoidosis, originally founded the Mount Sinai Sarcoidosis Clinic, and in the 48 years since its inception, the clinic has made tremendous advancements in the battle against this perplexing disease.

Recently, Mount Sinai has gone beyond treatment with the formation of the Sarcoidosis Support Group. This patient-run group helps remove the mystery of the disease, provides general information, and hopes to generate enough interest to spurn research that will lead to more effective treatment and, ultimately, a cure. As part of this effort, the Sarcoidosis Support Group will be celebrating Sarcoidosis Awareness Month on August 11.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this opportunity to honor the excellent work being done at Mount Sinai to provide treatment for support for those living with sarcoidosis. I would also ask my colleagues to join me in helping to make all of our constituents aware of this mysterious disease in the hopes that some day we might find a cure.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD J. DESIDERIO

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Leonard J. Desiderio on his retirement as principal of Oak View Elementary School in Bloomfield, NJ.

"Mr. D," as he was known by students and faculty, retired in June bringing to a close a highly distinguished career in the field of education. Leonard J. Desiderio has dedicated the past 33 years of his life to serving the Bloomfield Public School system. He began his career in education in the Newark Public School System, teaching during the day and attending Seton Hall University at night to earn his degree. In 1962 he joined the Bloomfield Public School System as the 5th and 6th grade teacher at the Forest Glen School. After only 3 years at Forest Glen, Mr. D. became vice principal and 2 years later principal. In 1970 he accepted the position of principal at Oak View School where he remained until his retirement, making Oak View School the No. 1 school in the system in all testing and academic achievements.

Several honors were recently bestowed on Mr. Desiderio in recognition of his outstanding achievements and dedication to Oak View School. As a display of recognition for Mr. Desiderio's dedication to the students of Oak View School, the Bloomfield Board of Education named the school's gymnasium the "Leonard J. Desiderio Gymnasium" placing a bronze plaque above the entrance doors. The mayor of Bloomfield joined in the celebration by naming June 8, 1995, the date of the dedication, as Leonard J. Desiderio Day. Other honors were awarded to Mr. D. from the General Assembly of New Jersey, and the Bloomfield Board of Education. These honors reflect the enormous amount of gratitude and respect the community feels toward Mr. Desiderio for his dedication to excellence in education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Leonard J. Desiderio for his leadership and dedication to education. His commitment to service has fostered educational excellence and helped shape the development of thousands of children. It is difficult to know how many lives Mr. Desiderio touched during his career in education, but I am confident that his leadership and good nature will be missed, and his legacy will surely lone endure.

1995 DELAWARE WINNER OF THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I recommend the following essay by Janelle Jones, winner of